

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Claims

1. **Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-12, 14-18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 32, 34-36, 38 and 40** are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding **claims 1, 8, 15, 21, 28 and 35**, in combination with other limitations of the claims, the prior art of record fails to disclose or specifically suggested wherein said first addressing scheme is incompatible with said second addressing scheme and wherein a global directory, using a common hierarchical addressing scheme for said first unique IP address and said second unique IP address, connects a first user at said first unique IP address to a second user at said second unique IP address.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7539. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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